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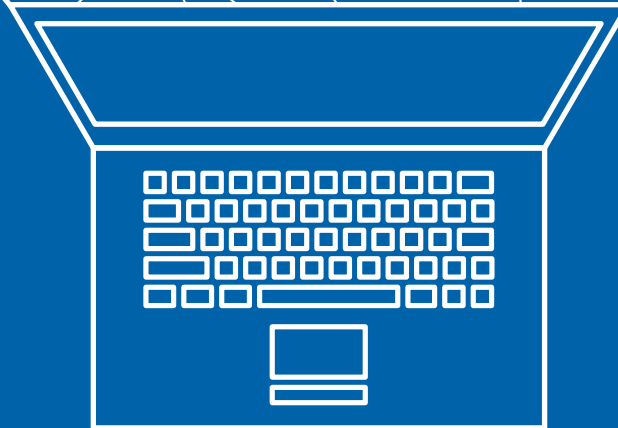
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PREFACE



Dear readers

The last year was one of rapid adaptation for us. Early on in the pandemic, we recognised the serious risks that the novel Coronavirus could pose. We did our part towards keeping our staff and partners safe, and adopted new institutional practices to still meet the high standards of research and related activities that we adhere to.

We immediately offered our staff the possibility to work from home, and recommended it throughout the different phases of the pandemic. Our IT team enabled everyone to work remotely. Individual-specific solutions were found, whenever possible. For colleagues whose tasks necessitated physical presence at the office, the GIGA implemented a comprehensive safety protocol.

To protect our researchers and local collaborators, we postponed fieldwork or found alternative forms of data collection. Some of us expanded our research to questions about the pandemic in the Global South. Diverse research projects ensured that 2020 was another very strong year for the GIGA's third-party funding record.

As part of our dissemination strategy, we moved to online events and expanded outreach dramatically. Room size and safety considerations had limited our capacity to a maximum of 100 persons in pre-COVID days. In contrast, for example, our online Distinguished Speaker Lecture, delivered by NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg, attracted an international and high-level audience of over 300 people.

With the indispensable commitment of Team GIGA, we tried to make the best of the different hardships we all faced. We kept working. And we ended up increasing our productivity and also our camaraderie.

I am proud to present to you highlights of our work.

Sincerely

Amrita Narlikar

Prof. Dr. Amrita Narlikar

President of the GIGA

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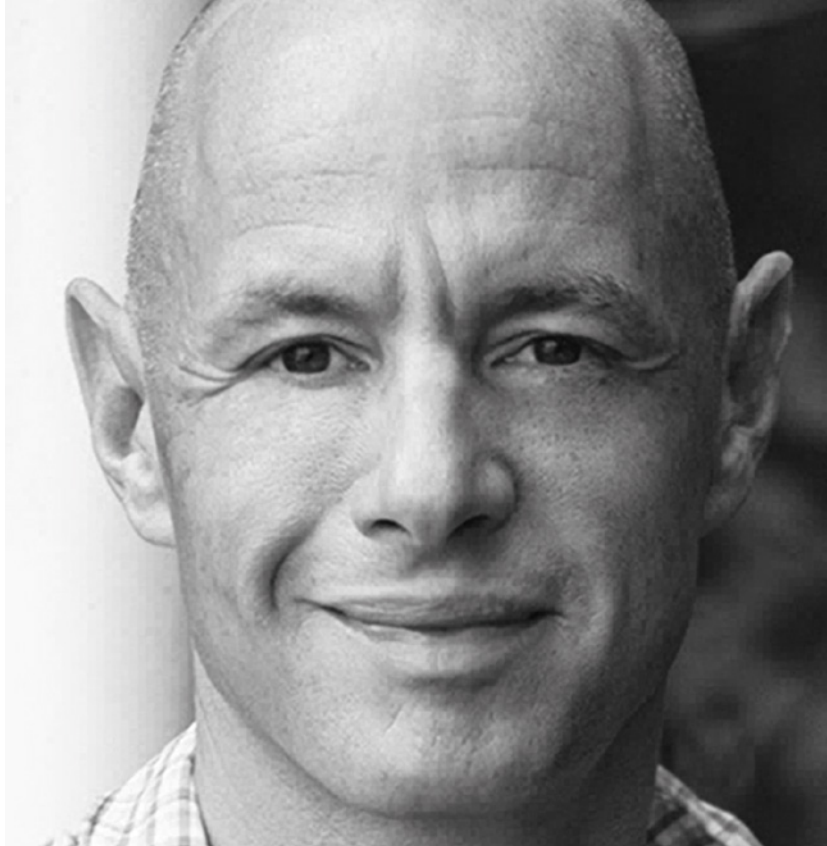
OBITUARY
& HIGHLIGHTS

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OBITUARY

THE GIGA MOURNS DANIEL FLEMES' PASSING

Dr. Daniel Fledes †



After a long illness, Dr. Daniel Fledes passed away in mid-October 2020.

Daniel focussed his research on Latin America and especially on Brazil. During and after his dissertation, he spent many years in Rio de Janeiro. He became a leading German expert on Brazil in foreign and security policy matters. With his conceptual proposals and rigorous analyses, he also became an ineluctable voice in the academic community on international relations. Daniel was one of the founding members of the group at the GIGA that advanced research on regional powers, a topic that broadened the focus of Daniel's research to include South Africa and India. Most recently, he took an increasingly strong stand in the face of rising anti-democratic and oppressive actions perpetrated against vulnerable groups in his beloved Brazil and in Latin America in general.

We shall miss Daniel as a dedicated and reliable colleague, collaborator, and friend. He continuously played a crucial role in our institute's success, and his passing leaves a gap that we will struggle to fill.

Photo: Daniel Fledes (1), GIGA (1), GIGA/Marein Kasiske (1)

HIGHLIGHTS 2020

ADAPTING OUR WORK TO THE PANDEMIC



Prof. Dr. Amrita Narlikar and Andreas Cichowicz (NDR) discussing with Prof. Dr. Daniel Drezner his latest book

Protecting our staff while maintaining our usual high level of productivity, the GIGA adapted its work processes and institutional life to the COVID-19 pandemic. Field research and other trips had to be interrupted, postponed, or cancelled. Researchers found creative coping strategies, for example through collaboration with partner institutions on the ground. Switching to digital solutions, we were able to expand our reach worldwide. From very early on, all team members were allowed, advised, and – by means of many support measures – enabled to work from home.

www.giga-hamburg.de/en/news/highlights-2020-giga-events/

NEW DIRECTOR OF THE ILAS



Merike Blofield joined the GIGA Executive Board and became director of the GIGA Institute for Latin American Studies (ILAS) as well as Professor for Society and Politics in Latin America at the University of Hamburg. Her research addresses gender and socio-economic inequalities, politics, and policy. She took over ILAS management from Sabine Kurtenbach, who had successfully led it as acting director since June 2018 following Detlef Nolte's retirement. www.giga-hamburg.de/en/team/12701801-blofield-merike/

Prof. Dr. Merike Blofield

HIGHLIGHTS 2020

NATO SG JENS STOLTENBERG AT GIGA EVENT

NATO Secretary
General Jens
Stoltenberg



At a GIGA Distinguished Speaker Lecture held online in June, NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg spoke on “Geopolitical Implications of COVID-19.” He emphasised the importance of a global approach for NATO with the examples of the pandemic, terrorism, and the rise of China. The event, chaired by Amrita Narlikar, was attended by over 300 participants from all over the world, many of whom were high-ranking diplomats and other practitioners in the fields of international relations and foreign policy. www.giga-hamburg.de/en/events/20071729-nato-secretary-general-jens-stoltenberg-geopolitical-implications-covid-19/

GIGA CERTIFIED FOR GENDER EQUALITY WORK

Dr. Maren Wagner,
Equal Opportunity
Commissioner



The GIGA has been awarded the TOTAL E-QUALITY (TEQ) certificate. In the reasoning for its decision, the jury stressed: “As an internationally oriented institution, equal opportunity and diversity are central components of the GIGA’s self-conception. Equality is well anchored at the institute and is expressed in a variety of measures in all fields of action, which are continuously being developed.” Since 2013, the GIGA also holds the Hamburg Family Seal. www.giga-hamburg.de/en/diversity-and-equal-opportunities

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ENHANCED COOPERATION WITH FEDERAL FOREIGN OFFICE



The GIGA significantly strengthened ties to the Federal Foreign Office (FFO). GIGA President Amrita Narlikar was in frequent dialogue with the ministry's leading representatives, for example by chairing a ministerial meeting in Geneva hosted by foreign ministers Heiko Maas and Jean-Yves Le Drian. Initiatives tailored to the FFO's specific needs were set up, such as a research project on population growth and security in Africa as well as a high-level workshop on preserving social cohesion during the COVID-19 crisis in the EU and Latin America.

www.giga-hamburg.de/en/news/munich-security-conference-2020/

PRESTIGIOUS AWARDS FOR JUNIOR GIGA SCHOLARS



The year 2020 was an extraordinarily successful one for our doctoral and postdoc researchers. Their dissertations and journal articles won numerous esteemed prizes: The Syrian Studies Association Prize (Marika Sosnowski, dissertation); Arnold Bergstraesser Award (Tim Glawion, dissertation); John Urry Memorial Prize (Christiane Fröhlich, journal article); International Geneva Award (Henning Schmidtke, journal article); and IMISCOE – Rinus Penninx Best Paper Award (Lea Müller-Funk, journal article).

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RESEARCH

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RESEARCH AT THE GIGA



Figure 1: GIGA Research Matrix



Prof. Dr.
Amrita Narlikar,
President of the
GIGA

The GIGA conducts research on political, social, and economic developments in Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the Middle East, as well as on global issues. With the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Institute quickly adapted its research agenda to analyse the pandemic's repercussions in the Global South and for the multi-lateral system, and to contribute to policy solutions to the resulting problems.

New research on the pandemic and its consequences has now started with eight grants, applied for in 2020, in special calls on COVID-19 from the German Research Foundation (DFG), the Volkswagen Foundation, and as part of the Berlin Cluster of Excellence "Contestation of the Liberal Script"

(SCRIPTS). The GIGA further collaborates with an international multi-disciplinary team around Professor Christian Drosten from Charité, Berlin, in one of only four recently approved "Global Health and Pandemic Preparedness Centres" which aim at strengthening health systems and pandemic preparedness in the regions of the Global South. In cooperation with its local partners, the GIGA in its ongoing research projects, for example, collected empirical evidence on the effects of the pandemic on informal entrepreneurs in Uganda and on governmental responses to issues of gender-based violence in Latin America. We are also part of the Leibniz Research Alliance INFECTIONS, now entering its second funding phase.

We further expanded our research portfolio with exciting new projects in all GIGA Research Programmes and in all regions. Together with Universität Marburg and Université de Tunis, we started engaging in the Merian Centre for Advanced Studies in the Maghreb (MECAM). The centre focuses on the effects of multidimensional disparity on models, visions, and ideas about political, social, economic, and cultural futures. It is embedded in the GIGA's long-standing work on accountability and participation within different political regimes.

Our research in the field of peace and security was broadened, for example, by new work on the potential of religion for peace and the influence of religious factors on sustainable development, as well as on “weaponised interdependence” and the Global South. It complements ongoing research on drivers of peace and/or conflict, such as social identities and ideologies, natural resources, external interventions, forced migration, and the repercussions of climate change.

Together with partners in Germany, we created the Research Network Sustainable Global Supply Chains. It initiates new research, pools the expertise of leading scientists around the world, and makes academic evidence accessible for political decision-makers and other stakeholders. It is part of the GIGA's research agenda on the economic, political, and social foundations of inclusive and sustainable development.

As part of our work on global orders and foreign policies, we acquired funding for a new project in which we will investigate, in cooperation with Universität Hamburg, world order narratives of the Global South. It is funded by the Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) as part of its Area Studies strategy and complements the GIGA's involvement in SCRIPTS.

The GIGA's research agenda thrives on the steady successful acquisition of third-party funding from the DFG, federal ministries, the Leibniz Competition, and the European Union. Despite the COVID-19 pandemic, which led to the postponement or digitalisation of many of our research activities, 2020 marked one of the best years in terms of third-party funding for the GIGA – after the all-time record achieved in 2019. Among the publications resulting from this research were articles in the *American Journal of Political Science*, *European Journal of International Relations*, *Journal of Peace Research*, *Ecological Economics*, and *World Development*, to name just a few. The year 2020 also saw the publication of one edited volume with Oxford University Press India and two monographs with Cambridge University Press.

Based on our research, we actively engage in knowledge exchange in Germany, Europe, and internationally – both in the Global North and the Global South. We present an overview of these activities in the Knowledge Transfer section of this Annual Report.

GIGA INSTITUTE FOR AFRICAN AFFAIRS



Prof. Dr.
Matthias Basedau

Like in other world regions, the COVID-19 pandemic dominated headlines in and on sub-Saharan Africa in 2020. Fears of mass infection and death did not materialise however – presumably because of low testing rates or a more resilient, younger population. Many governments reacted with strict lockdowns, and indirect economic effects were also felt as the demand for primary commodities decreased, triggering fears of recession for sub-Saharan economies. Large-scale violence did not directly emerge from the pandemic, but political freedoms came under pressure as many governments postponed elections or enforced restrictions heavy-handedly.

The year proved turbulent independently from the pandemic too. In Côte d'Ivoire and Guinea, presidents won constitutionally questionable third terms in office in contested elections. Elections in Tanzania were marked by irregularities. Jihadist violence continued to pose a threat in many parts of Africa, with insurgencies witnessed

in the whole of the Sahel, in Nigeria, as well as in Somalia and Mozambique. Jihadist attacks also spilled over to neighbouring countries. Nigeria saw massive protests against police brutality, echoing the extensive upheaval after the death of George Floyd in the United States in May. In December, Ethiopian 2019 Nobel Prize winner Abiy Ahmed launched an attack against the maverick federal state of Tigray after the latter's authorities had questioned Ahmed's legitimacy following his postponement of the parliamentary elections due in August. At the end of the year, tensions in the Central African Republic (CAR) increased ahead of general elections.

The GIGA Institute for African Affairs (IAA) reacted to most of these events, especially swiftly and strongly to the pandemic. A GIGA Focus in April urged a decisive local reaction. Two scholars wrote analyses on possible conflicts resulting from the pandemic, which attracted the interest of the Federal Foreign Office (FFO) and

the Bundestag, where they were later presented. GIGA researchers managed to win a highly competitive grant from the Volkswagen Foundation on the analysis of potential “Corona Conflicts.” IAA researchers also directly included COVID-19 in their ongoing projects on foreign investment in Africa, and on rural livelihoods in Liberia. First results of these analyses were already published online in autumn.

As a long-standing trademark, the institute continued to combine cutting-edge methodology with fieldwork. In this regard, the pandemic proved a challenge. IAA researchers had to be evacuated from Côte d’Ivoire and Ghana. Further field trips could only be realised in exceptional cases. Instead, researchers used video calls and telephone interviews, or concentrated on desk studies. IAA continued projects on presidential term limits, African diasporas in Europe, sanctions, security in the CAR, religious conflicts, as well

as on regional organisations. Two more projects on religion started in late 2020. IAA continued its work on rural transformation and political economy in Africa, as well as on other socio-economic challenges such as investment and employment creation and social cohesion. A collaborative project on value chains started in 2020.

Generally, projects succeeded in top-notch academic publications but regularly also had a strong policy component to them; several projects are funded by the federal government. In autumn, IAA organised two events with the FFO on risks stemming from population growth in Africa. IAA engages in innovative formats, such as the use of videos for a Berlin Talk on poverty in Africa. Besides, IAA continued to provide services to the academic community. The SSCI-ranked journal *Africa Spectrum* again increased its impact factor and underwent substantial reform to make it instrumental in IAA’s Research Platform activities.

BOOSTING INCLUSION OF AFRICAN SCHOLARS



The new editors-in-chief of *Africa Spectrum*, Julia Grauvogel (GIGA) and Leonardo Arriola (Centre for African Studies, University of California, Berkeley), have taken substantial steps to enhance cooperation with African scholars. The editorial and advisory boards now comprise renowned African scholars such as H. Kwasi Prempeh and Leonard

Wantchekon. In addition to publishing articles that discuss the state of African studies from various perspectives, *Africa Spectrum* will organise bi-annual author workshops within the framework of the Maria Sibylla Merian Institute for Advanced Studies in Africa (MIASA). GIGA is part of MIASA, an initiative that aims at deepening cooperation with African scholars.

Cover page of the GIGA journal *Africa Spectrum*



Prof. Dr.
Patrick Köllner

The outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic was *the* development in the region in 2020. Success in containing the virus depended less on regime type than on effective crisis management. Successful countries included both democracies such as New Zealand (NZ), South Korea, and Taiwan and autocracies like Singapore and Vietnam. China showed how an authoritarian regime could be linked to both secrecy and a significant initial spread of the virus as well as to its draconian containment once the central government decided to take action. Success in reining in COVID-19 led to a massive win for the Labour Party, led by Jacinda Ardern, in NZ's general election. In Myanmar, Aung San Suu Kyi's NLD won the general election taking place despite the pandemic. In Malaysia, where Muhyiddin Yassin became premier in February, democratisation effectively came to a standstill. Amidst the pandemic, civic space continued to shrink in some Asian countries while the plight of Rohingya

refugees stranded in Bangladesh continued.

COVID-19 also impacted international relations, with China engaging in “mask diplomacy” and “vaccine diplomacy,” but also in “wolf warrior diplomacy” – trying to blame the United States for COVID-19. Sino–Australian relations reached a new low after Prime Minister Scott Morrison called for an international investigation into the origins of the pandemic. Surveys showed that trust in China had declined in the “West” and in India, which was engaged in mid-2020 in a violent stand-off with China in the Galwan Valley region. The US government did not score points for subtlety, with former president Donald Trump talking repeatedly about the “China virus.” The election of Joe Biden notwithstanding, the US and China are now locked in a long-term global struggle, with regional strategic competition playing out in the “Indo-Pacific” – a geopolitical construct increasingly used to denote the region. The term is

used not only by Australia, India, Japan, and the US (which together form the “Quad” engaging in security cooperation and dialogue) but also by ASEAN and European countries such as France and Germany – the latter outlining its policy toward the region in 2020.

GIGA Institute for Asian Studies (IAS) scholars addressed these and other developments in academic publications, briefing papers, and blog contributions, as well as in policy exchange and outreach activities – including substantial media work. They published 14 new articles in peer-reviewed journals such as *Democratization*, *Ecological Economics*, *International Theory*, and *Asian Survey*. They also published four new monographs and edited volumes, including “India Rising,” plus six issues of the *Journal of Current Chinese Affairs* and the *Journal of Current Southeast Asian Affairs* – the latter also including two special issues co-edited by IAS scholars on political transformation in

Myanmar and on party factionalism in Southeast Asia. The IAS was very successful in terms of obtaining third-party funding from the DFG, the Volkswagen Foundation, and federal ministries for research on topics such as: populism and foreign policy; maritime governance in the Indo-Pacific; research and innovation systems in India and the wider region; world-order narratives in the Global South; and, the role of the military in dealing with COVID-19.

The pandemic substantially impacted on how the institute worked, with staff members transitioning to home office, visiting stays taking place on a remote basis, and events becoming digitalised. Included here was the transformation of the annual Asia roundtable with the Federal Foreign Office into a series of webinars with the relevant desks of the ministry. For a conference on India’s foreign relations, the IAS teamed up with two Paris-based research institutes (see textbox).

FRANCO-GERMAN CONFERENCE ON INDIA’S FOREIGN POLICY



As part of the GIGA’s Research Platform Asia activities in 2020, the IAS joined hands again with the Centre de Recherches Internationales (CERI) at SciencesPo and the Institut de Recherche Stratégique de l’Ecole Militaire (IRSEM) for a digital conference on the regional stakes in India’s foreign relations. The three-day event featured webinars examining India’s role in the Middle East, South Asia, and the Indo-Pacific, as well as a non-public Track 1.5 session bringing together high-level diplomats and think tankers from France and Germany to discuss policies towards the Indo-Pacific. As a next step in their cooperation, CERI and GIGA are setting up a Franco-German Observatory on the Indo-Pacific.

GIGA INSTITUTE FOR LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES



Prof. Dr.
Merike Blofield

Latin America took a particularly hard hit with COVID-19. By the end of 2020, despite having just over 8 percent of the world's population, Latin America had suffered 28 percent of all COVID-19-related deaths worldwide. Economic contraction was also significantly above the global average. The first 15 years of the twenty-first century had brought steady economic growth, with socio-economic and cultural redistribution. However, as that growth began to stagnate, enduring problems of marked inequality, varying state capacity, and institutional weakness became more acute. Broad dissatisfaction manifested in both democracy-enhancing and democracy-undermining trends, culminating in massive street protests across the region in the months prior to the pandemic.

When COVID-19 hit the region in the early months of 2020, the economic outlook was tough to begin with; given the high urbanisation, inequalities, and labour informality, even with swift government action containing the spread

of the virus was difficult. GIGA Institute for Latin American Studies (ILAS) researchers pivoted to understanding the political, economic, and social challenges of the region in the context of the pandemic. Three ILAS senior researchers published a GIGA Focus in the first weeks of the pandemic, which was cited over 40 times before the end of the year. They analysed how the pandemic exacerbated underlying both regional and country-specific political challenges.

Sabine Kurtenbach continued her research on violence and peace in the region, and received funding, following a highly competitive Volkswagen Foundation call, for her project on COVID-19 and the peace process in Colombia, comparing it to Syria. Mariana Llanos was part of a successful German Research Foundation (DFG) proposal to study the personalisation of politics, exacerbated by COVID-19, in the Global South. Bert Hoffmann published on both the unfolding effects of COVID-19

in the tourism-dependent Caribbean, and on Latin America's previous, forgotten pandemics.

The new ILAS director, Merike Blofield, co-authored two United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) reports on COVID-19 and its social effects regionally, and presented the findings at multilateral institutions, the German Agency for International Cooperation (GIZ), in events across Latin America, and at multiple universities. Her co-author, Fernando Filgueira (Uruguay), was successfully nominated by the ILAS for the prestigious Humboldt Research Award endowed with EUR 60,000 prize money. Blofield also started a policy tracker to monitor government efforts on gender-based violence and COVID-19, with funding from the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), and linked to the Lancet Commission on "Gender-Based Violence and Maltreatment of Young People."

The ILAS Research Platform, the aim of which was to strengthen collaboration with the region, culminated in 2020 with a workshop on emigration, co-organised with the University of the West Indies and the EU-LAC Foundation – featuring ILAS postdoctoral fellow Luicy Pedroza, and held in Antigua.

ILAS scholars also continued with their existing research projects; Adam Scharpf and Belén Gonzalez both published in top-ranking journals on civil war, terrorism, the military, and counter-insurgency in the region and beyond. ILAS doctoral researchers continued to be active too, despite the pandemic's many challenges. Four ILAS doctoral students handed in or defended their dissertations during the year, while three new ones began the doctoral programme with us.

On a sadder note, Senior Researcher Daniel Flandes, noted expert on Brazilian foreign policy, passed away in October. ILAS and the GIGA lost a committed colleague and outstanding researcher.

DISCUSSING SOCIAL COHESION AT MINISTERS' CONFERENCE



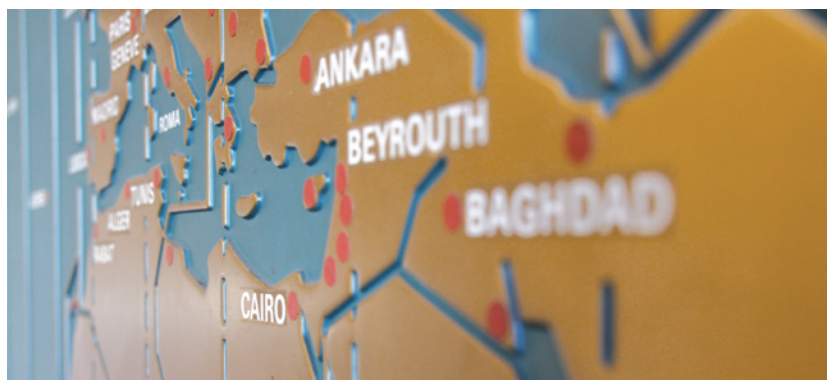
As part of the EU-LAC Foreign Ministers' Conference in December, ILAS co-organised with the German Federal Foreign Office a high-level online event entitled "Preserving Social Cohesion in the COVID-19 Crisis: An Agenda for the EU-LAC Partnership." Here, Merike Blofield and Fernando Filgueira presented the results of their ECLAC

reports, with commentary by government officials from both regions and by directors of multilateral institutions, to an audience of over 200 participants.

www.giga-hamburg.de/en/events/22204218-high-level-panel-preserving-social-cohesion-covid-19-crisis-towards-agenda-eu-lac-partnersh/

ECLAC Executive Secretary Alicia Bárcena at the online event "Preserving Social Cohesion in the COVID-19 Crisis"

GIGA INSTITUTE FOR MIDDLE EAST STUDIES



Prof. Dr.
Eckart Woertz

The year 2020 saw the continued deterioration of the nuclear deal of international powers with Iran, the JCPOA, with major regional implications. The assassination of Iranian general Qassim Soleimani by the United States in January marked an escalation in hostilities. The Donald Trump administration was determined to leave a diplomatic wasteland that will make it challenging for the new Joe Biden one to revive the agreement in coordination with European allies. Finding itself caught in the middle and seeing increased attacks by Shiite militias allied with Iran, Iraq faced possible implications for its own political stability meanwhile.

Concerns about Iran's regional stance were behind the so-called Abraham Accords. First, the United Arab Emirates and Bahrain normalised relations with Israel, later Morocco, with Sudan following suit. It was a further sign of unprecedented security cooperation between Israel and Gulf countries. For Morocco, it offered the prospect of potential recognition of its

hold over the Western Sahara; for Sudan, a removal from the US list of sponsors of terrorism badly needed for its economic recovery. Palestinians were the losers from the agreement. A two-state solution is increasingly unlikely, and the debate will shift to the lack of political rights of Palestinians under Israeli sovereignty. A healing of the rift between Qatar and Saudi Arabia, UAE, Egypt, and Bahrain was in the offing at the end of the year in an attempt to re-establish unity among members of the Gulf Cooperation Council.

In Libya, the march of General Khalifa Haftar on the capital Tripoli was repelled after Turkish intervention. Turkey's assertive role also manifested itself in the Eastern Mediterranean, where quarrels over gas drilling rights pitted it against Greece and France. It also sought to make political hay out of France's reaction to Islamist terror attacks on its own soil. Conflicts in Yemen and Syria continued to fester. Currency collapse and the explosion in the harbor of

Beirut pushed Lebanon further into crisis.

COVID-19-related restrictions offered opportunities for the region's autocrats to tighten surveillance and (digital) repression. As a silver lining, the incoming Biden administration promised a tougher stance against authoritarian human rights violations; the release of Saudi activist Loujain al-Hathloul, who had advocated for women's right to drive in the country, came within reach too.

The GIGA Institute for Middle East Studies (IMES) covered these events in a number of third-party-funded projects. For example, after the successful inauguration of the Merian Centre for Advanced Studies in the Maghreb (MECAM; co-led by André Bank) and of the Monitoring System and Transfer Platform Radicalisation (MOTRA) (co-led by Thomas Richter) IMES now has two consortium-based anchor projects funded by the Federal Ministry of Education and Research. They will bolster the

IMES's close research ties with regional partners in the years to come via visiting fellowships, conferences, and joint research projects.

The work of IMES researchers was published in major peer-reviewed journals, such as *Mediterranean Politics*, *Journal of Peace Research*, and *Middle East Policy*. Marika Sosnowski won the prestigious Syrian Studies Association award for her work on ceasefires in Syria. IMES researchers organised a GIGA Forum and a GIGA Talk on the Arab Spring protests 2.0 and the future of the JCPOA respectively, and contributed to the GIGA Focus series addressing regional issues such as Turkey's nascent security regime and Egypt after the Arab Spring. Last but not least, IMES researchers continued to provide policy advice, among others to the Federal Foreign Office and the UN Food and Agricultural Organization, while also reaching out to the wider public with over 30 interviews given to German and international media.

MAGYC WEBINARS: ZOOMING IN ON MIGRATION AND ASYLUM



In the face of the restrictions which research has faced in the time of COVID-19, IMES scholars have shown creativity and resilience in establishing alternative ways to showcase their research. A highlight was a webinar series jointly organised by the GIGA's "Migration Governance and Asylum Crises" (MAGYC) and three other EU-funded projects with

a focus on migration and asylum. The series benefitted from interviews with stakeholders from the region, conducted as part of the Research Platform Middle East activities. The webinars aimed to facilitate evidence-based discussions and action at multiple levels, and garnered significant attention from fellow academics, policymakers, and the wider public.

RESEARCH PROGRAMME 1:

ACCOUNTABILITY AND PARTICIPATION



Prof. Dr.
Mariana Llanos

The COVID-19 pandemic fundamentally changed the teamwork within Research Programme 1 “Accountability and Participation” (RP1). Since March, all in-person meetings were transferred to the virtual world, travelling was suspended, and we needed to adjust our research plans and strategies. Despite all this, our work never came to a halt. In fact, challenges turned into research stimuli. Global democracies were already regressing when the pandemic hit, and we were certain that COVID-19 would have a dramatic impact on the politics and societies of the Global South. From China to Argentina, executive authorities ordered lockdowns, and curfews, decisions that had the potential to threaten rights, enhance power concentration, and imperil democracies. We followed these developments closely during our Democratic Erosion Reading Series, paying special attention to shrinking civic spaces, the role of security forces, autocratisation, and the personalisation of power. These discussions planted the

seeds for new research projects now under evaluation.

Ongoing projects continued with their research goals, while often engaging with questions posed by the pandemic. The Leibniz “Every Immigrant is an Emigrant (IMISEM)” project published a GIGA Focus titled “How Latin American States Protect Their Emigrants in Times of COVID-19.” IMISEM researchers finalised a data set on migration policies covering 32 countries in three world regions. They are now analysing the data and preparing academic articles to be published throughout 2021–2022. Together with the Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity, they organised the IMISCOE-MIGCITPOL inaugural conference “Regulating and Experiencing Immigrant Status Transition: Comparing Entry, Settlement, and Naturalization.” Two IMISEM researchers finalised their doctoral dissertations, one on emigrant policies in Latin America (defended in 2019) and the other one on

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migrant domestic workers (to be submitted in 2021).

The research team of the DFG project “Do Diasporas Contribute to the Persistence of Authoritarian Rule? Responses of Eritrean Citizens Abroad to Transnational Governance” published academic articles and several policy papers based on 100 interviews (conducted in Norway, Germany, Sweden, and the United Kingdom) with members of the Eritrean diaspora and refugees who fled Eritrea more recently. Findings show that even though more and more Eritreans feel critical of their home government, they contribute indirectly to the stabilisation of the status quo – by sending private remittances to sustain their families back home, who serve as unpaid recruits in the decade-long Eritrean National Service, and partially through paying the diaspora tax.

Two further DFG projects would be productive too. First, the pandemic posed challenges to the organisation of the final workshop

of the project “The (In)stability of Presidential Term Limits in Africa and Latin America,” which had initially been planned for June in Hamburg, but which eventually took place as a virtual event in October. Most participants supported the endeavour by remaining on board despite the difficult times. Thanks to their commitment, the fruitful discussions evolved into a special issue submitted to *Democratization* in December. Second, researchers of the project “Latin American Courts Going Public” published a comparative evaluation of the social media presence of 17 of Latin America’s highest courts (*Revista Uruguay de Ciencia Política*). They also observed closely the behaviour of the highest courts during the pandemic, as disagreement between courts and populist executives emerged regarding the respecting of basic rights and the delivery of necessary goods. These observations will become a publication during 2021.

NEW POLITICAL DYNAMICS OF MASS PROTESTING



Just before the outbreak of the pandemic, researchers from RP1 and The Carnegie Endowment for International Peace met in Hamburg to discuss new forms of civic activism occurring in democratic and authoritarian contexts. In this workshop, participants shared their perspectives, country expertise, and written contributions on the increased number of more intense street protests occurring throughout the four GIGA regions. In addition, they discussed the multilayered implications that this emerging activism has for global democracy. www.giga-hamburg.de/en/events/12937727-political-dynamics-challenges-mass-protesting-a-global-perspective/

RESEARCH PROGRAMME 2: PEACE AND SECURITY



Dr. Christian
von Soest

The year 2020 was both a challenging and an extraordinarily successful one for the Research Programme 2 “Peace and Security” (RP2). On the one hand, from mid-March the COVID-19 pandemic inhibited field research and face-to-face interaction. On the other, RP2 scholars quickly adapted and produced top-notch research on the role of identities, institutions, and interventions in relation to peace and conflict.

Two grant applications submitted to the Volkswagen Foundation’s competitive special funding programme “Corona Crisis and Beyond” were successful: “Corona Conflicts? Analysing Effects of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Violent Conflict in Africa” (Matthias Basedau) and “COVID-19 and the Dynamics of (Post-)War Violence: Lessons from Colombia and Syria” (Sabine Kurtenbach and André Bank).

Researchers from RP2 continued to provide novel insights into key questions of peace and conflict research, for instance

regarding the effects of climate change on human migration and the potential for violent conflict. Furthermore, the in-depth research on the link between religious beliefs and social behaviour was further strengthened with a new research project, funded by the German Research Foundation (DFG), that focuses on how religion may contribute to inter-faith peace (in contrast to violent conflict; Matthias Basedau).

Several publications in top peer-reviewed journals analyse various conflict dynamics, including the effect of non-state groups – such as militias, rebels, and terrorist organisations – on the intensification of political violence (Belén González), the risk of irregular power takeovers, and the strength of international security cooperation (both Adam Scharpf).

RP2’s publication output reached an all-time high: some 32 articles were published by leading outlets such as *International Studies Quarterly*, *Journal of Peace Research*, *Comparative Political*

Studies, Conflict Management and Peace Science, European Journal of International Relations, European Political Science Review, and Mediterranean Politics.

Tim Glawion published his book “The Security Arena in Africa: Local Order-Making in the CAR, Somaliland and South Sudan” with Cambridge University Press and started his new DFG-funded research project on discrepancies between objective and subjective security in the Central African Republic and Lebanon.

Two awards further attest to the success of the GIGA’s “Peace and Security” scholars. Christiane Fröhlich and co-authors received the inaugural John Urry Memorial Prize for their article “From climate migration to Anthropocene mobilities: Shifting the debate,” published in the journal *Mobilities*. Meanwhile, Marika Sosnowski won the Syrian Studies Association prize for her doctoral thesis on ceasefires in Syria. In her current

project, she investigates how power is controlled and dispersed in Syria’s supposedly post-conflict environment.

In addition, Sabine Kurtenbach was appointed a member of the Academic Advisory Board of the German Foundation for Peace Research (DSF). Since June 2020, she has been Chairperson of the Board.

Members of RP2 were also highly engaged in knowledge-transfer activities. A strong focus was on the COVID-19 pandemic’s effects on peace and security. RP2 scholars published widely read policy papers on the pandemic’s repercussions for security, provided their assessments in the media (for instance in the ARD Tagesthemen), gave presentations at the Federal Foreign Office and further ministries, and in October 2020 testified before the Bundestag’s Subcommittee on Civil Crisis Prevention, Conflict Management and Networked Action on COVID-19’s destabilising effects in Africa.

THE ENDING OF INTERNATIONAL SANCTIONS



How, when, and why do sanctions end? With their ubiquitous use, the termination of sanctions has become a contested issue in international politics – as debates about the cases Cuba, Iran, and Zimbabwe show. In a DFG-funded project, Hana Attia and Julia Grauvogel collect novel data on the termination of all 400 European Union, United

Nations, United States, and regional sanctions since the end of the Cold War. In an article co-authored with Christian von Soest, they demonstrate how the reasons for sanctions termination – via target compliance and sender capitulation – fundamentally differ.

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Apl. Prof. Dr.
Jann Lay

A key thematic issue of Research Programme 3 “Globalisation and Development” (RP3) in 2020 was the pandemic and its socio-economic repercussions in the GIGA’s study regions. In Latin America, our research on COVID-19’s impact looked at the role of social-protection policies in cushioning the adverse effects of these measures. In various publications, Merike Blofield highlighted the need for a social-protection floor that includes basic utilities and cash transfers broad in scope for reconciling epidemiological strategy (social distancing and quarantine), basic social welfare, and political stability. In a study on Brazil, Tharcisio Leone demonstrated the severe employment and income effects of lockdown policies – ones that emergency-aid measures were able to mitigate significantly, however. In sub-Saharan Africa, our focus was on the informal sector and the reactions and coping strategies of this particularly vulnerable segment of the population. Our research results clearly show

the drastic income losses of people who make their living in that sector, and the decisive role of social-protection instruments – if indeed in place – in protecting the vulnerable. We investigated also how lockdown policies have affected and are affecting poor rural households and their food-security situation (with Liberia as a case study). In this research, as in that on the informal sector, we partly relied on telephone-survey data collected throughout the course of 2020. In a paper published in the Bulletin of Indonesian Economic Studies, Renate Hartwig and co-authors argue that the country’s government is – with relative success – focused on short-term recovery. However, it lacks a clear strategy to address the medium- and long-term implications of the pandemic – for example regarding the financial sustainability of Indonesia’s social-health-insurance system.

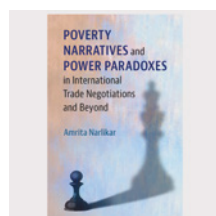
We discussed these insights in various (virtual) workshops and conferences with other stakeholders

from the academic and policy communities. At a GIGA Talk and in pre-recorded videos, renowned international experts reflected on whether the COVID-19 pandemic will undo (some of the) poverty reduction that we have seen in the past. We presented our results from an informal-sector survey in Uganda at the “COVID-19 Research Results Dissemination Symposium” organised by the Ugandan National Council of Science & Technology and attended by several of that country’s ministers. Merike Blofield presented her work on the pandemic’s socio-economic impacts and social protection in various fora, including at the University of Oxford, the Hertie School, the Hans-Böckler-Stiftung, and the GIZ.

Meanwhile we continued to pursue our research agenda on the fundamental challenge of sustainable rural development. We started the next and final project in the context of the Göttingen-based Collaborative Research

Centre 990, which will investigate the local-development impacts of different agricultural and land-use-change trajectories. Christoph Kubitz, a postdoctoral researcher in RP3, was part of a team that published a synthesis article in *Nature Communications* that documents the biodiversity–profit trade-offs resulting from land-use transitions in Indonesia. In related research on the impacts of large-scale land acquisitions in Zambia, published in *World Development*, we show that agricultural expansion competes not only with natural habitats but also with smallholder livelihoods – with limited evidence for positive spillover effects. In a paper in the *Journal of Development Studies*, Anette Ruml showed that contract farming – often seen as an instrument to improve the situation of smallholder farmers – does indeed help those individuals, but also often leaves them dissatisfied with their contracts because of a lack of trust and transparency.

POVERTY NARRATIVES IN TRADE NEGOTIATIONS



In her latest book, entitled “Poverty Narratives and Power Paradoxes in International Trade Negotiations and Beyond” and published by Cambridge University Press, Amrita Narlikar argues that the combination of poverty and powerlessness has emerged as a political tool and a formidable weapon in international negotiation. The success of poverty narratives, however, means that their use has not been limited to the neediest. She was invited to discuss her findings in online events organised among others in Barcelona, Boston, Buenos Aires, New Delhi, Toronto, and Wellington.

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Cover page of the book “Poverty Narratives and Power Paradoxes in International Trade Negotiations and Beyond” by Prof. Dr. Amrita Narlikar

RESEARCH PROGRAMME 4:

GLOBAL ORDERS AND FOREIGN POLICIES



Dr. Miriam
Prys-Hansen

Research Programme 4 “Global Orders and Foreign Policies” (RP4) engages with theoretically inclusive and empirically relevant research on questions of international co-operation, multilateralism, and the policies of different state and non-state actors within the international realm. To better capture the agenda of the RP, its title has now been changed from “Power and Ideas” to “Global Orders and Foreign Policies.”

In 2020 many of our activities – including fieldwork, conference presentations, but also desk research – were significantly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. We have nevertheless successfully developed new research themes and expanded existing ones. For example, RP4 researchers work on specific imaginations of order, in specific regions, or on specific issue-areas. At the Munich Security Conference, Amrita Narlikar introduced Foreign Minister Maas’ keynote and moderated the ministerial centre-stage on “Westlessness: Multilateralism in a Changing

International Order.” Christian Wirth was awarded a DFG grant for his project “Transforming Orders: How ‘Indo-Pacific’ Geopolitics Reconstruct Maritime Space and Alter the Law of the Sea’s Territorial Sovereignty and Freedom of the Seas Norms,” starting in early 2021.

Moreover, several publications on global theory have been written, including on “Wither Chinese IR? The Sinocentric Subject and the Paradox of Tianxia-ism” in *International Theory* by Sinan Chu. The crisis of multilateralism, international institutions, and (their) legitimacy is a topic of both academic and policy relevance.

RP4 Researchers work on several collaborative research projects, among them on “Legitimate Multipolarity” (DFG), “Legitimation Strategies of Regional Organizations” (Leibniz Competition), and on “International Institutions in Crisis and the Management of Dissociation Processes” (also Leibniz Competition). These projects generated important outputs,

both in terms of presentations at international conferences and peer-reviewed publications. Henning Schmidtke was awarded the International Geneva Award for a co-authored paper on “The rise of democratic legitimization: Why international organizations speak the language of democracy” (published in the European Journal of International Relations). In January, the GIGA hosted Prof. Dr. Jonas Tallberg (Stockholm University) for an event on “Legitimacy in Global Governance.”

Furthermore, RP4 researchers interacted with both German and international experts and policy-makers on topics of multilateralism and global order via formats such as the International Consultation for Germany’s White Paper on Multilateralism (Amrita Narlikar) and the GIGA Global Transitions Conference on “Global Order is Dead, Long Live Global Order?”

Miriam Prys-Hansen, who became the new head of RP4 in April, as well as doctoral researcher Jan

Klenke work on global cooperation within the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, and in particular on the contribution of the BRICS countries. COVID-19 has been a focus of work, and, using a GIGA-specific perspective, two DFG proposals were submitted, in addition to two GIGA Focus publications and several other policy papers on the topic. Lynda Iroulo wrote, for instance, about the impact of COVID-19 on the African Continental Free Trade Agreement. The online event on “Debating the TPNW: Regional Perspectives,” organised by doctoral researcher Leonardo Bandarra, received significant attention from policy-makers and other experts.

RP4 also continued its work on regional powers with articles on “Sub-Saharan Africa: A Theater for Middle East Power Struggles” by Jens Heibach and a forthcoming Special Issue on “The Regional Powers Research Program” with International Politics.

POPULISM AND FOREIGN POLICY



RP4 researchers study the impact of populist governments on foreign policy. Hakkı Taş published an article in *Mediterranean Politics* on “The formulation and implementation of populist foreign policy: Turkey in the Eastern Mediterranean” (www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/13629395.2020.1833160). Johannes Plagemann and GIGA

Associate Sandra Destradi received a DFG grant for their project “Populism and Foreign Policy.” They ask how and why the formation of populist governments leads to foreign policy changes, for instance with regard to conflict propensity and the interaction with international institutions. www.giga-hamburg.de/en/projects/populism-foreign-policy/

Dr. Hakkı Taş

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INTERNATIONALISATION,
JUNIOR TALENTS
& EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

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INTERNATIONALISATION



To keep our staff, partners, and audiences safe when the pandemic struck in 2020, we moved all our events to an online setting. Adapting fast to the new circumstances, we have used different formats to internationally engage in current research and policy debates. Our events have been planned to include different time zones and have dramatically increased the reach of our exchanges, with academics, policy practitioners, and the interested public joining us from around the globe.

The GIGA Distinguished Speaker Lecture by NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg attracted over 300 guests and generated a vivid debate moderated by GIGA President Amrita Narlikar. His insights on “Geopolitical Implications of COVID-19” and his call for a more global NATO connected exceptionally well to GIGA’s global approach to scholarship. Another highlight was a series of exchanges with the Federal Foreign Office (FFO) and roundtable discussions towards their White Paper on Multi-

lateralism; this included a consultation with diverse actors in the Global South, organised by GIGA, GPPI, and FFO.

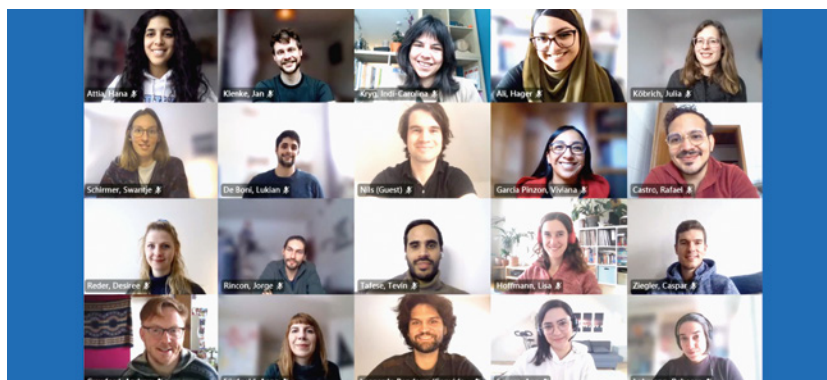
In light of global power shifts and the pandemic, the GIGA presented current must-reads of political analysis and commentary. “New World Disorder and the Indian Imperative” by Shashi Tharoor and Samir Saran, offers innovative ideas to reform the rules-based international order to facilitate a prosperous and secure future. And, given the importance of the 2020 US presidential elections for the international system, Daniel Drezner discussed his latest book “The Toddler in Chief” with Andreas Cichowicz, analysing the impact of the Trump administration on US democracy and foreign policy.

Although we missed the in-person contact with collaboration partners, we were happy about the expanded outreach that our digital formats facilitated worldwide. We hope to maintain some hybrid formats to enhance access and inclusiveness.

Photo left:
NATO Secretary
General Jens
Stoltenberg

Photo right:
Prof. Dr. Amrita
Narlikar (left) and
Federal Minister
Julia Klöckner (right)
at the GIGA Distinguished Speaker
Lecture Series

DOCTORAL PROGRAMME



Dr. Maren Wagner

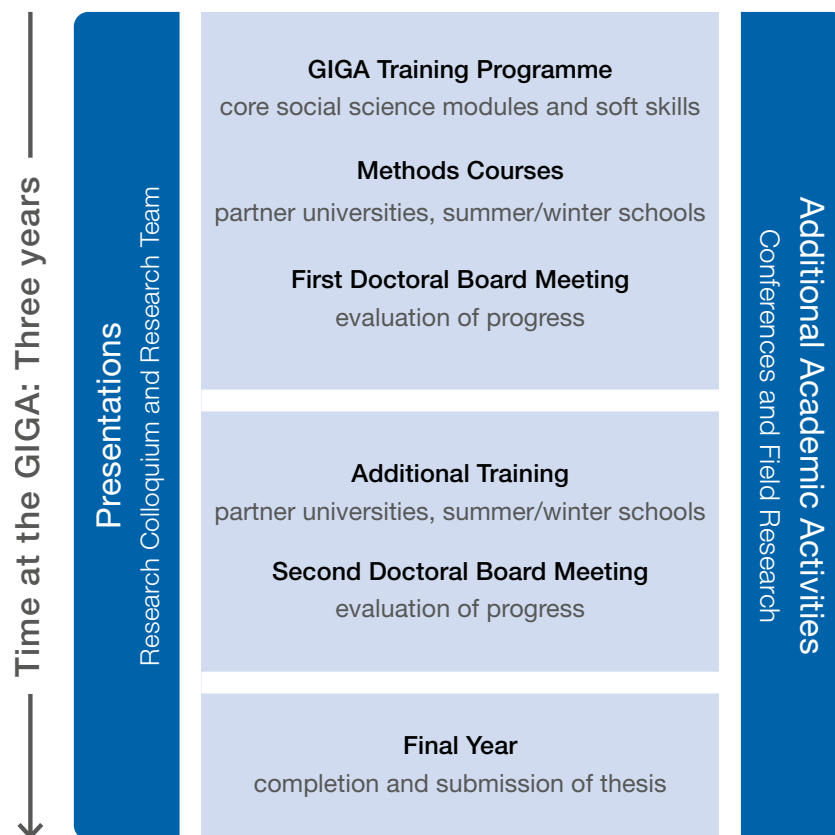
Many things this year were different from what our doctoral students had thought, hoped, or planned they would be. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic they could, for example, not go on fieldwork and some had to adjust their research design accordingly. They had to adapt to virtual classrooms and conference panels. And the random, often so important chit-chat with colleagues in the hallways of the GIGA and elsewhere had now, instead, to be scheduled as virtual coffee breaks in advance. Nevertheless, many have gained strength, creativity, flexibility, and courage in overcoming these hurdles.

Despite the challenges, 2020 was a very productive year for the GIGA Doctoral Programme (DP). Taking the diversity of our student body – including different disciplinary and methodological foci, and thus varying demands – as a main point of departure, we discussed how to further improve the DP. The resulting reform developed includes modifications with

regards to the training programme, presentation formats, and administrative issues, among other things. The training now consists of core Social Science modules that are relevant to all students' research. Concrete examples from GIGA research and soft-skills seminars complement the training given. Additionally, doctoral students take methods courses at their universities according to their individual profiles and specialisations.

Furthermore, the doctoral students reformed the Statutes that regulate their self-administration and, in a working group with other GIGA representatives, drew up an Addendum to the Statutes that lays down relations between the doctoral students as a group and main GIGA bodies.

Again, we have had cause for delight about our alumni's success. Tim Glawion's doctoral thesis "The Security Arena in Africa: Local Order-Making in the Central African Republic, Somaliland, and South Sudan," winner of the 2019 Arnold Bergstraesser Award, was



published with Cambridge University Press in 2020. Simone Schotte was shortlisted for the Leibniz dissertation award as one of two candidates put forward by Leibniz Section B. And Marika Sosnowski, previously a visiting doctoral researcher at the GIGA, received the Syrian Studies Association 2020 Dissertation Prize. These great achievements confirm once more the excellent work of our DP and the long and fruitful tradition of integrating young researchers into the GIGA.

Six dissertations were completed in 2020, on diverse issues such as local perspectives on and

responses to fracking, oil, and gas projects in a rural community in Mexico, key labour-market issues and decent work in developing and emerging countries, or the role of first ladies in Latin American politics. Three more students have submitted their theses and are awaiting their defence in early 2021. They passed the baton to a new cohort of doctoral students. A total of nine young researchers were admitted to the DP in 2020. As of June 2020, Maren Wagner now holds the position of Academic Director of the DP. www.giga-hamburg.de/en/the-giga/dp/

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY



Although 2020 was a challenging year due to the COVID-19 pandemic, it was also a very productive and successful one for the equal opportunity work at the GIGA.

With the pandemic and the respective lockdown regulations all GIGA staff relocated the workplace to their homes and transitioned to online work. Especially for those having to reconcile work with care obligations, it was not always easy to establish new daily routines.

The GIGA's leadership introduced measures of support. Together with the Works Council a supplementary agreement to the works agreement on the regulation of working hours was adopted facilitating even more flexibility. The Occupational Safety Committee was in constant contact with the leadership to develop recommendations on the situation at the GIGA, and many individual requests were met with sound solutions. Furthermore, staff members could make use of the

online and emergency childcare offers provided by a family-service company.

Despite the difficult circumstances, 2020 saw further advances of the institute's equal opportunity policies. The new edition of the GIGA's Equal Opportunity Plan, covering the next four years (2020–2023), describes concrete goals of promoting diversity, gender equality, and the reconciliation of job and family obligations – and formulates specific measures to achieve them.

We decided to showcase our work on diversity and equal opportunity on the GIGA website. A task force updated the GIGA Code of Conduct and developed a works agreement on “Respectful Cooperation and Dealing with Conflicts,” and both documents were officially adopted. This is an important additional step fostering a respectful and constructive working atmosphere at the GIGA, safeguarding dignity, physical and mental integrity, and protecting our staff from negative impact in

case of social conflicts at work while suggesting fruitful ways forward.

In 2020, five women colleagues completed the institute's own mentoring programme, run in co-operation with the "Expertinnen-Beratungsnetz" providing career-development advice. Three other women colleagues started the mentoring that will support them in defining their individual career goals and a path towards achieving them.

The equal opportunity commissioner, Maren Wagner, participated in several network meetings on equal opportunity- and diversity-related issues, and attended three courses on the topic of reconciling caregiving and career as a follow-up to her training as guide in the matter. At the end of the year, we held our annual parents' meeting that serves as a forum to exchange and discuss issues relating to the reconciliation of family and work, with the pandemic being one of the main points of debate.

At the beginning of 2020, we welcomed Merike Blofield as the new director of the GIGA Institute for Latin American Studies, reinforcing our group of women leaders at the institute. Furthermore, we are happy to report that we submitted a successful application and were awarded the TOTAL E-QUALITY certificate (see textbox).

And, the GIGA again performed excellently in the survey on the implementation of the Leibniz Association's Equal Opportunity Standards, achieving 58 out of a possible 68 points – thus scoring well above the median of all Leibniz institutions that submitted their data to this evaluation.

The regular four-year term of office of the equal opportunity commissioner, Maren Wagner, and her deputy, Mariana Llanos, was coming to an end. The procedure for the election of the two commissioners and their subsequent appointment by the Executive Board was initiated.

GIGA RECEIVES "TOTAL E-QUALITY" CERTIFICATE



The GIGA has been awarded the TOTAL E-QUALITY (TEQ) certificate. In its reasoning the jury highlighted: "As an internationally oriented institution, equal opportunity and diversity are central components of the GIGA's self-conception. Equality is well anchored at the institute and is expressed in a variety of measures in all fields of action. The

areas of 'gender-appropriate personnel development' and 'work-life balance' are particularly well-developed." We are proud of this success, and see it as confirmation of and an incentive for the institute's efforts to promote equal opportunities and diversity.

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KNOWLEDGE TRANSFER & IMPACT STORIES



KNOWLEDGE TRANSFER

Foreign ministers
Heiko Maas and
Jean-Yves Le Drian
together with Prof.
Dr. Amrita Narlikar
and other participants
at the Alliance for
Multilateralism
conference



The pandemic and the shift in the global order were a focus of our international outreach and policy exchange. “From Crisis to Resilience – How Can We Link Recovery, Sustainability, and Trade?” was the apt question addressed via our collaboration with the Embassy of New Zealand. Our cooperation with SciencesPo CERI and IRSEM spoke to “Regional Stakes of India’s Foreign Policy” and included a closed-door roundtable on the Indo-Pacific with representatives of French and German foreign and defence ministries. Together with the EU-LAC Foundation we offered a side event to the EU-Latin America foreign ministers’ meeting on “Social Cohesion in the COVID-19 Crisis.” We also resumed our 1.5 Track Dialogue on Indo-German Relations with think tank partners in both countries as well as the two foreign ministries.

We partnered with Körber Foundation for a joint Multilateralism Lab with a select group of international thinkers and shapers. Besides hosting and contributing

to several other major public and policy events, we organised our annual GIGA Global Transitions Conference in December, to take stock of the state of the global order in light of the tough lessons of 2020 and develop ideas for reform, together with our international distinguished guests from academia, business, and policy.

The future of multilateralism was central to many exchanges with policy practitioners. At the Munich Security Conference (MSC) 2020, the GIGA President introduced the keynote by Federal Foreign Minister Heiko Maas and moderated the ministerial centre-stage panel on “Westlessness in the World: Multilateralism in a Changing International Order.” It was the first time that the GIGA was present at the MSC.

Amrita Narlikar also chaired a meeting with over 20 foreign ministers hosted by Foreign Ministers Maas and Le Drian for the Alliance for Multilateralism. She was part of the German delegation to the Human Rights Council, and

accompanied the Minister and the State Secretary for a meeting with the Director General of the WTO, Roberto Azevêdo.

The GIGA maintains a close collaboration with the Federal Foreign Office (FFO). In 2020, Hannes Greve was seconded to the ministry to support the preparation of its White Paper on Multilateralism, and under the lead of the GIGA President the GIGA has facilitated an international expert roundtable to debate important aspects of that initiative.

Christian von Soest gave the parliamentary subcommittee on civilian crisis prevention and conflict transformation his insights on the destabilising effects of the

pandemic in African states, and we regularly contribute to “Leibniz in Parliament” extending our research findings to members of the Bundestag.

Our Berlin Office and its GIGA Talk series offers an additional space for the exchange with policy practitioners, and covered in 2020 a broad spectrum of GIGA research with events on migration, food security, term limits, nuclear proliferation, freedom of navigation, civic action, etc.

In the Leibniz spirit of “science to the benefit of all” we were happy to expand and intensify our many fruitful exchanges with policy-makers, media, and the interested public at large.

GIGA IN THE MEDIA



German and international news media made extensive use of the GIGA's expertise in 2020, especially regarding the COVID-19 pandemic. Amrita Narlikar's interviews with FAZ/FAZ.net in March, August, and October about German COVID-19 policies in international perspective are a case in point. Diverse media outlets sought our expert views on topics such as the United States presidential elections and their consequences for



Latin America, the Port of Beirut explosion, rising conflict in Ethiopia, and China's tightening grip on Hong Kong. GIGA scholars were cited or published opinion pieces via prestigious newspapers and broadcasters, for example The Washington Post, The Financial Times, Hindustan Times, Le Monde, El País, Die Zeit, Die Welt, Der Spiegel, Der Tagesspiegel, ZDF, NDR, and Deutsche Welle.

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Participants of the GIGA Talks “Eradicating Poverty” (left) and “Safeguarding the Freedom of Navigation in the Indo-Pacific” (right)



Prof. Dr.
Bert Hoffmann

The GIGA's commitment to practice-relevant research goes hand in hand with systematic knowledge exchange with decision-makers from government as well as non-government institutions. The GIGA Berlin Office, located in walking distance of the Federal Foreign Office and the Bundestag, is the GIGA's key hub for engagement with the foreign policy community in the German capital. In the GIGA Talks series (see list), researchers from across all of the GIGA's research programmes and regional institutes present key findings and policy implications of their work, provide in-depth analyses of pressing issues, and explore options for further action. With the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Berlin Office's outreach activities moved to online formats, but they maintained their character as a privileged venue for dialogue between GIGA researchers and practitioners working on global affairs and foreign policy relating to Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the Middle East.

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GIGA Talks in 2020

- 1 Stopping the President: Why Conflicts Over Presidential Term Limits in Africa and Latin America Are so Explosive
- 2 Burundi before the Elections: Opportunity for a New Beginning?
- 3 No Future for the JCPOA? The Iranian Nuclear File and Proliferation Risk in the Middle East
- 4 Safeguarding the Freedom of Navigation in the Indo-Pacific: What Role for European Navies?
- 5 Eradicating Poverty: Is COVID-19 Undoing the Progress Made?
- 6 The Security Paradox in Domestic and Foreign Policy: What Should We Do When Perceptions of (In)Security Don't Align with Reality?
- 7 Becoming More Authoritarian? Myanmar Ahead of the November 2020 Elections

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CROSSING BORDERS



Dr. André Bank



Julia-Niharika Sen

Under the headline “Uprising Against Those in Power – Upheaval in the Middle East,” NDR and the GIGA dedicated their joint event series “Crossing Borders – Foreign Correspondents Connecting with Scholars” to the public unrest witnessed in 2020 in various Middle Eastern countries. Natalie Amiri (ARD Iran expert), Björn Blaschke (Head of the ARD Radio Studio in Cairo), and the GIGA’s André Bank discussed causes and consequences of the mass protests and shed light on the role played by domestic interest groups and external powers. The online event was hosted by Julia-Niharika Sen, presenter of the NDR foreign affairs broadcast “Weltbilder” and now also of the flagship ARD news programme “Tagesschau.” www.giga-hamburg.de/en/events/giga-ndr-series/

GIGA AND KÖRBER INITIATED MULTILATERALISM LAB



The GIGA and the Körber Foundation initiated the joint Körber Multilateralism Lab to develop solutions that facilitate the rescue of multilateral arrangements in some areas,

a fundamental reboot in others, and to unite these approaches into a coherent plan for action. In three online meetings through 2020, the Lab brought together a select group of influential policy experts, public officials, and academics in a confidential setting. With the help of forward-looking and collaborative tools, participants explored new ideas beyond thought barriers and tested impulses to improve international cooperation and the effectiveness of the multilateral system.

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Cover page of the brochure “Making it Matter” published by the Körber Foundation in cooperation with the GIGA

IMPACT STORY: SUSTAINABLE PEACE



International crises, intra-state conflicts, and violence are all a major hindrance to development, putting the security of individuals, social groups, states, and the world at large at risk. The GIGA analyses the interests, strategies, and behaviours of state and non-state actors and their roles in overcoming conflict and creating peace.

Looking at the micro-dynamics of repression, Adam Scharpf showed how individual career pressures drive recruitment into secret police organisations and create personal incentives to exert violence on behalf of the state (Scharpf and Gläsel 2020, *American Journal of Political Science*). Focusing on non-state actors, Belén González presented a novel theory of terrorism as a mobilisation strategy in civil war and analysed rebels' terrorist attacks during violent conflicts (Polo and González 2020, *Comparative Political Studies*). Tim Glawion traced perceptions of security and insecurity during civil wars, comparing the Central African Republic, Somaliland, and South Sudan. His research results were published

as a monograph with Cambridge University Press in 2020.

The GIGA contributes to various initiatives to promote peace research in Hamburg, such as the training group “Democratizing Security in Turbulent Times,” and also to the “Violence Early-Warning System (ViEWS)” at the University of Uppsala, Sweden. For the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), we monitor the conflict potential for 60 partner countries. All relevant BMZ departments engage with and value these annual assessments. Our researchers regularly share their expertise with other stakeholders too. Christian von Soest, for example, spoke on climate change and conflict in sub-Saharan Africa in the 2020 “Leibniz im Bundestag” event series. Sabine Kurtenbach was appointed chairperson of the German Foundation for Peace Research’s Academic Advisory Board – further attesting to the GIGA’s high reputation in the field of peace and conflict research. www.giga-hamburg.de/en/research-and-transfer/topics/institutions-for-peace/

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IMPACT STORY: COVID-19 AND THE GLOBAL SOUTH



While debates in Europe have very much focused on the pandemic's handling on the continent, the GIGA early on put the spotlight on international policy responses and the situation in Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the Middle East. Our researchers advised German ministries and parliamentarians, prepared policy reports for international organisations, and helped to raise public awareness on consequences in the Global South.

Upon the invitation of GIGA President Amrita Narlikar, NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg gave a GIGA Distinguished Speaker Lecture on the geopolitical implications of COVID-19. The online event was attended by over 300 guests from around the world. At a GIGA Talk, moderated by Renate Hartwig, international experts reflected on the pandemic's effects on poverty reduction. As part of the EU-LAC Foreign Ministers' Conference in 2020, Merike Blofield co-organised with the Federal Foreign Office a high-level online event on social cohesion, attended by government officials from Europe and Latin America and

directors of multilateral institutions. Christian von Soest reported to the Bundestag's Subcommittee on Civil Crisis Prevention and Conflict Management on COVID-19's destabilising effects in Africa.

Observer Research Foundation (ORF) policy papers on pandemic narratives and politics (Amrita Narlikar), a Friedrich Ebert Foundation (FES) study on COVID-19 and the Syrian conflict (André Bank), a BMZ briefing paper on impacts of the crisis on foreign investment in Africa (Tabea Lakemann), and journal articles on the pandemic and food security in the Arab Gulf states (Eckart Woertz) were among the GIGA's many outputs. Work on Latin America's forgotten pandemics (Bert Hoffmann) and Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) policy reports on social effects (Merike Blofield) were equally vital. Many GIGA colleagues contributed brief analyses via the GIGA website and to a GIGA Focus thematic series too.

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The GIGA Information Centre (IZ) specialises in Area Studies and Comparative Area Studies, providing access to literature that covers the GIGA's research regions, international politics, the social sciences, and research methodologies. The IZ also supports GIGA scholars across all stages of the research process (see textbox). Its strategy is based on three pillars: first, the statutory mandate, in accordance with Article 2 of the GIGA Charter; second, the GIGA's global approach to scholarship; and, third, the needs and requirements of GIGA scholars – the IZ's primary target group.

The acquisition profile of the IZ is thus closely orientated to the research topics and regions of the GIGA. In 2020 the IZ acquired 1,379 new titles, bringing the total number of items in its collection to 196,000. Additionally, with 3,386 new electronic full texts, the IZ offers more than 94,000 Open Access documents. Its significance stems not only from the literature that it houses but also from its prominence within the larger framework

of research information in Germany. The IZ contributes to the German Information Network (FIV). Within the framework of the FIV's World Affairs Online (WAO) database, 10 German research institutes collect bibliographic social science data that cover global and regional developments, foreign and security policy, and social trends. In 2020 the IZ contributed 5,278 new records to the WAO. The latter is disseminated and shared under an open data licence. Thus, WAO is searchable in union catalogues of library networks, in virtual subject libraries, in subject portals, and in resource discovery systems all over the world. In this way, the IZ contributes also to the dissemination of GIGA research findings and helps to increase the institute's visibility.

Information must not only be findable but also accessible and preserved for a long time. As part of its Open Access service, the IZ indexed and deposited 41 GIGA Focus issues, and 58 peer-reviewed articles (Open Access via IZ's

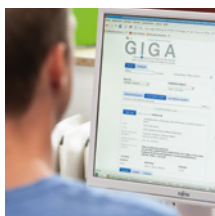
licence agreements or with financial support from the GIGA's Open Access Fund) by GIGA scholars in the Social Science Open Access Repository (SSOAR). Through SSOAR, full texts are also available in LeibnizOpen, which offers central access to openly available digital publications authored by Leibniz Association scholars. GIGA Focus articles were downloaded more than 60,000 times from SSOAR; the deposited articles, 25,900 times. The IZ service on research-data management focused on supporting GIGA researchers when devising data-related aspects in grant applications. Since 2019, the IZ has also helped scholars with claiming an Open Researcher and Contributor ID (ORCID). About 55 per cent of GIGA scholars have registered with ORCID. In 2020 the IZ took on the task of maintaining bibliographic information on the

publications and research data of GIGA researchers in the institute's current research information system. Media monitoring with the database Factiva is another new service provided by the IZ.

The IZ's collection and premises can also be used by external scholars, students, and the general public. At the GIGA's main building at Neuer Jungfernstieg 21 in Hamburg, the IZ provides staff members and external users with up-to-date computer workstations and workplaces, equipped with modern furniture, sound-insulation panels, and individual energy-saving lighting. There are Wi-Fi connections available in all areas of the IZ. There is also a group workroom available, which can as well be used as a parent-child workroom. www.giga-hamburg.de/en/research-and-transfer/information-centre/



SUPPORTING RESEARCH



The Information Centre assists GIGA researchers in all phases of the research cycle so that they are fully supported in the face of increasing demands and time pressure, for example in terms of research and information procurement, in applying for third-party funding, in the management of research data, or with regard to Open Access publishing. Therefore, in recent years, a number of new tasks and responsibilities have been taken on and services expanded by the IZ in line with user demand. Given the available resources, one of the challenges for the future is to continuously adapt the range of tasks handled by the IZ to the changing needs of GIGA scholars.

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THIRD PARTY-FUNDED PROJECTS

RESEARCH PROGRAMME I: ACCOUNTABILITY AND PARTICIPATION

Democracy and Games: Analog and Digital Game-Based-Learning Tools for Youth Work (DEMOGAMES) (Saskia Ruth-Lovell)

EU Erasmus+, 2019–2022

Do Diasporas Contribute to the Persistence of Authoritarian Rule? Responses of Eritrean Citizens Abroad to Transnational Governance (Nicole Hirt)

DFG, 2018–2020

Europe-Cuba Forum Network (Bert Hoffmann, Laurence Whitehead)

EU Jean Monnet Network; lead: CIDOB Barcelona, 2018–2021

Every Emigrant is an Immigrant: How Migration Policies Shape the Paths to Integration (IMISEM) (Luicy Pedroza, Pau Palop Garcia, So Young Chang)

Leibniz Competition, 2017–2020

Justifying Repression in Authoritarian Regimes of the Arab World: Official Framing and Target Audiences (Maria Josua)

DFG, 2019–2023

Latin American Courts Going Public: Institutional Innovations for Social Participation in the Judicial Decision-Making Process (Mariana Llanos, Cordula Tibi Weber)

DFG, 2018–2021

Merian Center for Advanced Studies in the Maghreb (MECAM) (André Bank, Thomas Richter)

BMBF; lead: Uni Marburg, 2020–2023

Populism in Southeast Asia (Andreas Ufen)

EU H2020; lead: Ecole Française d'Extrême Orient, 2017–2020 (in collaboration with Research Programme 4)

Presidents Who Die Too Soon and Presidents Who Live Too Long: Term Limits and Succession in Presidential and Semi-Presidential Regimes (Mariana Llanos)

DAAD-PPP, 2019–2020

Protest and State Reaction: An Intra-Regional Comparison (Indonesia, Vietnam) (Jörg Wischermann)

EU H2020; lead: Ecole Française d'Extrême Orient, 2017–2020 (in collaboration with Research Programme 4)

The (In)stability of Presidential Term Limits in Africa and Latin America: Assessing the Impact of Tenure-Rule Reforms on the Political Regime (Mariana Llanos, Charlotte Heyl)

DFG, 2017–2020

The Return of Race-Based Inequalities in Contemporary Cuba: Analysing the Impact of Past Migration and Current Reforms (Bert Hoffman, Katrin Hansig)
DFG, 2016–2020

The Termination of International Sanctions: Causes, Processes, and Domestic Consequences (Julia Grauvogel, Hana Attia)
DFG, 2018–2021 (in collaboration with Research Programme 2)

Transnational Lives in the Shadow of Repression: Diaspora Youth and the Struggle for Democracy (Nicole Hirt)
Swedish Research Council; lead: University of Gothenburg, 2020–2023

RESEARCH PROGRAMME 2: PEACE AND SECURITY

A Different Kind of Refugee: A Case Study of the UAE's Syrian Migrants Seeking Citizenship in Europe (Idil Akanci)
AvH Postdoctoral Fellowship, 2020–2022

Climate, Climatic Change, and Society (CliCCS) (Amrita Narlikar, Miriam Prys-Hansen, Christian von Soest)
DFG, Excellence Strategy; lead: University of Hamburg, 2019–2025 (in collaboration with Research Programme 4)

Context Matters – Country-Specific Politico-Economic Analyses, Conflict and Crises Potentials, as well as Global and Regional Trends (Sabine Kurtenbach)
BMZ, 2019–2022 (in collaboration with all other Research Programmes)

Freedom and Development? Religious Actors, Freedom of Belief and Religion, and Sustainable Development (Matthias Basedau)
BMZ, 2020–2023

Glocal Peace: Pilot Study Colombia (Sabine Kurtenbach)
BMZ, 2019–2020

Large-Scale Land Acquisitions, Rural Change, and Social Conflict (Jann Lay, Rebecca Lohmann, Daniel Geissel)
BMZ, 2019–2021 (in collaboration with Research Programme 3)

Mediating Islam in the Digital Age (MIDA) (Jens Heibach)
EU H2020 ITN; lead: Centre for Near and Middle Eastern Studies, University of Marburg, 2019–2023

Migration Governance and Asylum Crises (MAGYC) (Christiane Fröhlich, André Bank, Nicole Hirt, Lea Müller-Funk)
EU H2020; lead: Hugo Observatory, University of Liège, 2018–2023

Monitoring System und Transfer Platform Radicalisation (MOTRA) (Thomas Richter, Selmam Almohamad)

BMBF; lead: BKA, 2019–2024

Population Growth and Security in Africa (Matthias Basedau, Eckart Woertz, Hana Attia, Charlotte Heyl)

FFO, 2020–2021

Religion, Conflict, and Sustainable Peace: Identifying Causal Conditions and Conclusions for Development Cooperation (Matthias Basedau)

BMZ, 2019–2020

Religion for Peace: Identifying Conditions and Mechanisms of Interfaith Peace (Matthias Basedau)

DFG, 2020–2022

Security Sector Reform and the Stability of Post-War Peace (Sabine Kurtenbach, Nadine Ansorg, Selmam Almohamad, Désirée Reder, Julia Strasheim)

DFG, 2016–2020

Syria's "Post-War" Landscape (Marika Sosnowski)

Thyssen Fellowship, 2020–2021

Teaching Immigration in European Schools (Lea Müller-Funk)

National Geographic; lead: International Migration Institute, 2020–2022

The Monopoly on the Use of Force and Paradoxes of Security – Discrepancies between Objective and Subjective Security in the Central African Republic and Lebanon (Tim Glawion)

DFG, 2020–2022

The Termination of International Sanctions: Causes, Processes, and Domestic Consequences (Julia Grauvogel, Hana Attia)

DFG, 2018–2021 (in collaboration with Research Programme 1)

RESEARCH PROGRAMME 3: GLOBALISATION AND DEVELOPMENT

De-Carbonising Economic Development in Sub-Saharan Africa (Jann Lay, Hannes Greve, Sebastian Renner)

BMBF; lead: Mercator Research Institute on Global Commons and Climate Change, 2019–2021

Experimental Research on Local Governance in Burkina Faso (REGLAB) (Malte Lierl)

World Bank, Government of Burkina Faso, Open Road Alliance, 2014–2021

Impact Evaluation of Out-Grower Schemes in Ghana (Jann Lay, Hannes Greve)

Common Fund for Commodities, 2016–2020

Integrated Analyses of Policies for Sustainable Rural Economies (Jann Lay)

DFG, CRC 990, 2020–2023

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BMZ, 2019–2022

Landscape-Level Assessment of Ecological and Socioeconomic Functions of Rainforest Transformation Systems in Sumatra (Indonesia) (Jann Lay)

DFG, CRC 990, 2020–2023

Large-Scale Land Acquisitions, Rural Change, and Social Conflict (Jann Lay, Rebecca Lohmann, Daniel Geissel)

BMZ, 2019–2021 (in collaboration with Research Programme 2)

Maria Sibylla Merian Institute for Advanced Studies in Africa (MIASA) (Jann Lay, Julia Grauvogel, Lisa Hoffmann)

BMBF; lead: University of Freiburg, Maria Sibylla Merian Centre, 2018–2026

Performance Monitoring Asia Pacific Research Area (APRA), with a Focus on China (Margot Schüller, Iris Wieczorek, Marcus Conlé)

BMBF; lead: Fraunhofer ISI, 2018–2021 (in collaboration with Research Programme 4)

Research Network "Sustainable Global Supply Chains" (Jann Lay)

BMZ; lead: DIE, 2020–2022

Scientific Support to and Research on the Impacts of the Special Initiative Education and Employment (RéUsSITE) (Jann Lay, Tabea Lakemann, Jan Priebe)

BMZ Special Initiative on Training and Employment, 2019–2022

Teacher Pay for Performance Schemes and Student Learning Outcomes in Indonesia (Jan Priebe)

World Bank, 2018–2021

RESEARCH PROGRAMME 4: GLOBAL ORDERS AND FOREIGN POLICIES

Climate, Climatic Change, and Society (CliCCS) (Amrita Narlikar, Miriam Prys-Hansen, Christian von Soest)

DFG, Excellence Strategy; lead: University of Hamburg, 2019–2025 (in collaboration with Research Programme 2)

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EU H2020; lead: Ecole Française d'Extrême Orient, 2017–2021

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DFG, Excellence Cluster; lead: FU Berlin, 2019–2025

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Leibniz Research Alliance “Infections ‘21” ; lead: FZB, 2016–2021

Drifting Apart: International Institutions in Crisis and the Management of Dissociation Processes (DRIFT) (Sinan Chu, Heike Holbig)

Leibniz Competition; lead: HSKF, 2019–2022

Globalisation, Europe, and Multilateralism: Sophistication of the Transnational Order, Networks, and European Strategies (GEM-STONES) (Sandra Destradi, Dominic Giese, Jessica Gomes, Tobias Lenz, Detlef Nolte, Maren Wagner, Miriam Prys-Hansen)

EU H2020 ITN; lead: Université libre de Bruxelles, 2016–2021

Legitimate Multipolarity? (Johannes Plagemann, Amrita Narlikar, Heike Holbig, Sinan Chu)

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